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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Johannes Dapprich et al.
Application No. : 09/735,099
Filed : December 11, 2000
For : METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Examiner : Betty J. Forman, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1634
Docket No. : 770025.413C1
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on June 23, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.